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Madison, Wisconsin -- Erik C. Peterson, United States Attorney for the Western District of Wisconsin, announced that Jose Israel Flores-Tinoco, DOB 1/2/79, of Madison, Wisconsin, was sentenced today by U.S. District Judge John C. Shabaz to 84 months in federal prison for conspiracy to distribute 500 grams or more of cocaine. Flores-Tinoco pleaded guilty to this charge on April 3, 2006.

From July 2005 to September 29, 2005, Flores-Tinoco and co-defendant Rene Lopez distributed large quantities of cocaine in the Madison area. Flores-Tinoco and Lopez were arrested on September 29, 2005, after they attempted to distribute over 200 grams of cocaine to an undercover officer.

Judge Shabaz sentenced Flores-Tinoco to the high end of the advisory guideline range because of Flores-Tinoco's lengthy history of cocaine distribution. Co-defendant Rene Lopez will be sentenced by Judge Shabaz on June 30 at 1:15p.m.

The charge against the defendant was the result of an investigation conducted by the Wisconsin Department of Justice, Division of Criminal Investigation-Narcotics Bureau, the Sun Prairie Police Department, and the Dane County Narcotics and Gang Task Force. The prosecution of the case has been handled by Assistant U.S. Attorney David J. Reinhard.